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1996 CALVERT AWARD PRESENTED TO ANDREW SHORT

At the April 24 membership meeting, Andrew E. Short of Glasgow, Delaware, became the tenth recipient of the American Entomological Society's Calvert Award. The award recognizes a young person in the greater Delaware Valley who has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in insect-related study. The Award is named in honor of Dr. Philip P. Calvert [See ENT. NEWS 95(4): 155-162 (1984)] who joined the Society as a teenager, later became its president, and was a member for 74 years. As a professor of biology at the University of Pennsylvania and as associate of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Dr. Calvert played an important role in stimulating an interest in insects among young people.

Among Andrew's many activities and accomplishments that led to the Calvert Award, the selection committee highlighted his volunteer activities. Through the Delaware Academy of Science, he developed and taught the week long junior entomologists camp at the Iron Hill Museum in 1994 and 1995 – a course that he will teach again this summer. He presented units on insects and butterflies to several classes at Marshall Elementary School in 1994 and 1995 and has taught several entomology workshops for the 4-H. Last year he participated in the first systematic macro invertebrate study of the White Clay Creek coordinated by the Ashland Nature Center (DE) and the Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, Pennsylvania. This involved collecting and identifying all the insects in samples taken at several locations along the creek. Among Andrew's plans for this year are to restore the 60 year old insect collection at Lums Pond State Park (DE) and construct a new stream environment as part of the Mesocosm at Glasgow High School where he is in the tenth grade. Perhaps it is not surprising that Andrew placed first in the entomology competition at the Delaware State Science Olympiad in 1993, 1994, and 1995. He lamented that the category was not included in this year's Olympiad. When asked which group of insects most interests him, Andrew declared a fondness for beetles, a collection of which he displayed at the award ceremony. He also called attention to the coincidence that his initials, A. E. S., match those of the Society!

As the winner of the Calvert Award, Mr. Short received memberships in the American Entomological Society and the Young Entomologists' Society as well as a \$50 check. Joseph Sheldon, president of the Society, made the presentation at the membership meeting of the Society at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

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